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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 18, 2003. Claims 1 - 30 are pending.

Claims 1 - 30 were restricted under 35 USC § 121 as follows:

- I. Claims 1 - 18 are said to be drawn to imides, classified in Class 564, subclass 83;
- II. Claims 19 - 21 are said to be drawn to zwitterionic liquid, classified in Class 252, subclass unknown;
- III. Claims 23 - 25 are said to be drawn to polymeric electrolyte membrane, classified in Class 428, subclass unknown; and
- IV. Claims 27 - 30 are said to be drawn to electrochemical device, classified in Class 429, subclass unknown.

Claim 22 was not classified.

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Election

In response, Applicants elect Group I. Regarding election of species, Applicants elect the species wherein R_1 is perfluorobutyl group and wherein R_2 is pyridiniumyl group.

Conclusion

Applicants have elected Group I. Continued prosecution of this application is respectfully requested.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the indicated telephone number with questions that can be resolved with a simple teleconference.

Respectfully submitted,

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